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SUBJECT: NEPAL TIGER PROJECT

REF: KATHMANDU 3667

NEW DELHI FOR SCIENCE ATTACHE AND WAYNE MILLS
FOR ERICKSEN FROM COERR SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

1. PLEASE TELL SEIDENSTICKER THAT SMI HAS MADE FOLLOWING
IMMEDIATE DECISIONS IN EFFORT MEET URGENCIES DESCRIBED
REFTEL, DEFERRING SOME PROBLEMS FOR FUTURE RESOLUTION.

2. REF PARA 2. CHECK FOR \$2,000 COVERING JUNE JULY LIVING
EXPENSE ALLOWANCE BEING MAILED SUSAN SEIDENSTICKER
CALIFORNIA THIS WEEK. CLAIM FOR AUGUST SEPTEMBER
ALLOWANCES UNDER REVIEW.

3. REF PARA 4. SMI DOES NOT APPROVE LIVING EXPENSE
ALLOWANCE, PER DIEM, INTERNAL TRAVEL, OR; MISCELLANEOUS
EXPENSES FOR PROPOSED TEN DAY VISIT CHITAWAN PARK
SEPTEMBER FOR SLOTH BEAR AND TIGER KILLING BEHAVIOR
STUDY.

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4. REF PARA 5. SMI PLEASED APPROVE UP TO 5 DAYS STOPOVER DELHI TO PERMIT SEIDENSTICKER TO PRESENT DETAILED REPORT TO GOI OFFICIALS ON SUNDERBANS MISSION, BUT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE HIS CONDUCTING EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH GOI OFFICIALS CONCERNING POSSIBILITY WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNDER SMI AUSPICES.

5. REF PARA 6. SMI REQUESTING WAYNE MILLS SECURE EXCESS CURRENCY TICKET FOR SEIDENSTICKER WITH ROUTING AS FOLLOWS: KATHMANDU-DELHI-BANGKOK-LOS ANGELES-BUTTE. TICKET SHOULD COVER REASONABLE EXCESS ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS, SPECIMENS AND MATERIALS IN REFTEL PARAS 3 A AND B. SEIDENSTICKER SHOULD RELINQUISH PRESENT KATHMANDU-BOMBAY-KATHMANDU EXCESS CURRENCY TICKET TO MILLS FOR REFUND TO SMI ACCOUNT.

6. REF PARA 7. SMI REQUESTING MRS. SEIDENSTICKER APPLY FOR REFUND UNUSED PORTION ROUNDTRIP TICKETS AND RETAIN BALANCE AS ADVANCE ON COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT FOR WRITEUP TIME.

7. REF PARA 8. SMI REQUESTS THAT UP TO NR EQUIVALENT OF US \$636 BE PAID BY KIRTI TAMANG FROM \$6,500 TO ERICKSEN FOR TRANSFER TO SEIDENSTICKER IF HE WISHES THIS IN RUPEES. AMOUNT CALCULATED ON FOLLOWING BASIS: (1) \$272 DUE FROM VOUCHERED JUNE JULY EXPENSES AND (2) \$364 (14 DAYS PER DIEM AT \$26) IN KATHMANDU EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 5 FOR CLOSING OUT HIS PROJECT COMMITMENTS. CLAIM FOR AUGUST EXPENSES UNDER REVIEW.

8. SMI AUTHORIZES KIRTI TAMANG TO WITHDRAW NR EQUIVALENT OF \$800 FROM \$6,500 FUND TO COVER SEPTEMBER LIVING EXPENSE ALLOWANCE. SMI REVIEWING TAMANG'S REVISED BUDGET PROPOSAL AND WILL ADVISE HIM DIRECTLY WHAT FUNDING IS APPROVED.

9. (FYI. SEIDENSTICKER'S WIFE AND FATHER SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL STATE. SMI SHARES THIS CONCERN AND BELIEVES HE SHOULD RETURN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. SOONEST AND NOT SEEK TO DEVELOP NEW RESEARCH INITIATIVES AT THIS TIME. SMI GREATLY APPRECIATES SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE BY AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS IN THIS MATTER. END FYI). KISSINGER

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